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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KATSUTOSHI SASAKI ET AL.

Application No.: 10/019,735

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Further to the Preliminary Amendment dated December 28, 2001 and prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the paragraph at page 23, lines 3-16 with the following replacement paragraph. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.<sup>1/</sup>

As the cloning vector for preparing a cDNA library, any one of phage vectors, plasmid vectors and the like can be used, so long as it can replicate autonomously

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<sup>1/</sup> For the Examiner's convenience, bracketed deletions and underlined additions in the marked-up copy are illustrated in bold.